

I ~~wanted~~ would like to clarify one point made in Frank Hanson's June 21 letter regarding "taxpayer funds" and the ongoing investigation of contamination at the Columbia Falls Aluminum site. EPA's Superfund program focuses on holding ~~responsible~~ those responsible for causing contamination parties accountable for the ~~financial resources~~ costs associated with any investigation and cleanup actions necessary to protect human health and the environment. While EPA and the Montana DEQ continue to investigate potential cleanup needs and are working with the community to get feedback on next steps, current discussions do not involve the use of taxpayer resources to conduct this work.